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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: AIR MALTA DEVELOPMENTS

1. GENERAL MANAGER AIR MALTA INFORMED BY INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION ITS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVED WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 4, 1973.
2. IN RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, CHAIRMAN ALBERT MIZZI, ANNOUNCED TEAM FROM AIR MALTA TO VISIT PAKISTAN THIS MONTH TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (PIA) AND TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING PILOTS AND ENGINEERS. MIZZI SAID AIR MALTA ALSO HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH BEA AND ALITALIA ON COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS PRESUMABLY RELATED TO ROUTE EZARING.N3. GENERAL MANAGER M.M. SALIM HAS INDICATED AIR MALTA CONSIDERING NEW ROUTES IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SERVICES TO LONDON, ROME AND TRIPOLI WHICH MAY INCLUDE SERVICES TO GERMANY, FRANCE, SCANDINAVIA AND TUNISIA IN 1974 AND LATER TO SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CONNECTIONS FOR TOURISTS TO MALTA.

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4. ALTHOUGH EXACT NUMBER AIRCRAFT TO BE LEASED FROM PIA  
STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, AIR MALTA OFFICIALS HAVE INTIMATED THAT  
INITIALLY THEY WOULD OPERATE WITH TWO 153-SEATER BOEING 720BS  
WITH A THIRD PLANE AVAILABLE ON A STAND-BY BASIS.

5. FORMER NATIONAL CARRIER MALTA AIRLINES, WHICH BECAME  
A PASSENGER AND AIR CARGO AGENT WHEN ITS AIR OPERATING LICENSE  
EXPIRED ON APRIL 1, HAS THUS FAR NOT EXERCISED OPTION PURCHASE  
20 PERCENT SHAREHOLDING IN AIR MALTA. REASON GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN  
MALTA AIRLINES TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS THAT "NO PROSPECTUS  
HAS AS YET BEEN ISSUED." GETZ

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